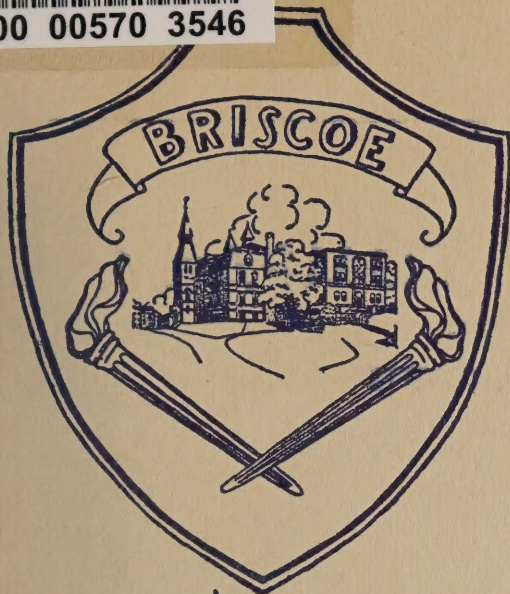


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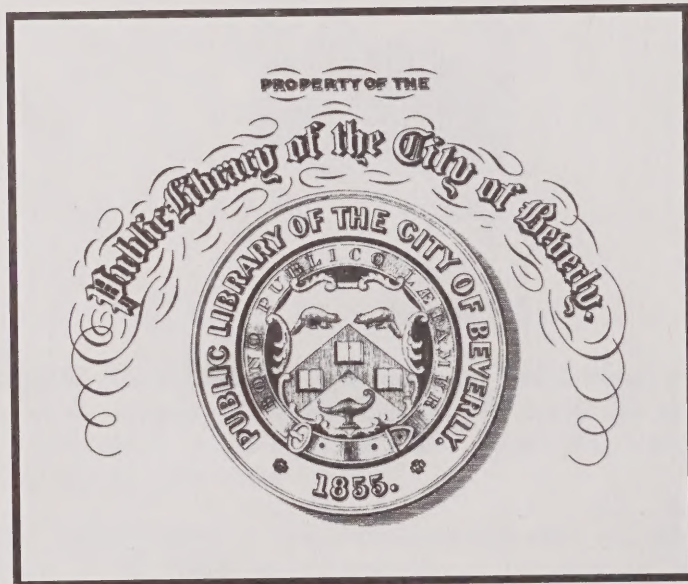
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# Dedication



Seated: Katherine Hackett, Frances Trowt, Marion Barker Helen Anderson, Leslie R. Jones, *Principal*; Miriam Cann, *Secretary*; Virginia Moody, Cornelia Leighton, Lois Larcom.

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To the Briscoe School Faculty we respectfully dedicate this issue of  
BRISCOE BRIEFS





# Literary

## American Heritage

PERHAPS the greatest inheritance that we, American boys and girls, have is freedom. As far back as history is recorded, people have had a desire for freedom. The freedom which American children enjoy today cost our forefathers centuries of service, suffering, and sacrifice.

No one has ever stated more deeply the feelings of men on the desire of freedom than did Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence. To Americans the Declaration of Independence ranks next to the Bible.

Three unsurpassable rights that were given to all Americans in the Declaration of Independence were the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The right to life and liberty have been so well established for so many years in America that most American boys and girls only know from the experiences of others how dearly bought they have been in suffering and human sacrifice. The pursuit of happiness, however, is up to all true American citizens. One way to gain the pursuit of happiness is to live up to the high ideals of American patriotism which have been handed down from father to son for many years. If these three rights are kept above all other American ideals they will serve as models to other countries through-out the world, and will help to bring peace and goodwill among men.

Can we live up to these rights? We, as American boys and girls, are heirs to these rights, and because we love liberty and independence, we must uphold these rights to the best of our ability for the good of our country, America, and the good of the world.

MARCIA HADLEY, AL-1.

## Briscoe Class Song

Tune: The Whiffenpoof Song

To those happy days at Briscoe,  
To those friendships that we formed,  
To the warmth in friendly smiles we knew so well,  
To the knowledge gained at Briscoe  
How we studied for exams  
And then waited for the story they would tell.  
To the clubs that we attended  
To the music of the band  
To our football team that proved to be the best.  
Sing a serenade to Briscoe - its faculty so grand  
May they never be forgotten by the rest.  
And when we depart, you who take our place,  
must uphold  
Traditions of old that time can't erase, we've  
been told.  
Maybe when older we'll live again  
Hours of happiness over, then  
We'll remember that Briscoe days were the best.

CAROL WADE, A1-1.

## Peace and Freedom

America is known as the land of the free,  
And that is what she has fought to be,  
To spread freedom and justice throughout the world  
And to have a flag of peace unfurled.

Our forefathers fought for freedom for all  
To keep all men from that dividing wall  
Of hatred and fear for all other nations,  
And the want to destroy all of God's creations.

So we in this worried world today  
Must work to have peace a lasting stay,  
It is up to us to settle this world,  
And to have that flag of peace unfurled.

REBECCA TANNEBRING, AL-1.

## Illusion

MANY years ago with a group of very congenial people, I spent a long summer day exploring a mammoth cave in Maine. We passed through spacious galleries which held a solid masonry foundation for the town overhead. I saw high domes and bottomless pits; I heard the voice of unseen waterfalls.

The mysteries and scenery of the cave had the same dignity that belong to all natural objects. I remembered that the best thing which a cave had to offer was an illusion. On arriving at what is called the "Star Chamber" our lamps were taken away from us by the guide who was leading us through this dark, black but beautiful cave. At first I didn't realize why he had done this, but I soon understood when he said to look up above.

Up there, I saw the night heaven, thick with stars glimmering with what seemed to be a comet flaming among them. All the party were touched with astonishment and pleasure. We sat down on the rocky floor to enjoy this serene picture.

Some crystal specks in the black ceiling high overhead reflecting the light of a half-hidden lamp which was placed beside the guide, yielded this magnificent effect.

When we had taken in all the beautiful sights we started on our way back to the little town overhead. When I stepped out into the fresh air, I began to wonder if the dazzling beauty which we had just witnessed were really true or was it just an illusion.

NANCY OBER, AL-1.

## Book Review

"SUGAR and Spice" by Lorraine Beim, is a story about teen age life. The story has a background of busy high school days. Ann Coleman, the heroine of the story, found that she would have to postpone her college plans until her brother finished his university course. She began to show "spice" when she found boys were given more responsible jobs than girls. This is a story that all girls should enjoy.

SANDRA PETTIPAS, 8-6.

## Bells

Bells are really joyous things,  
When they chime they seem to sing,  
Some are big and others small,  
I like the church bells best of all.

As they hang in the steeple near,  
They are chiming their songs so clear.  
People strolling along the street,  
Like to hear their tones repeat.

They are chiming all day long,  
Ringing out their glorious songs,  
And when darkness begins to fall  
Their charming melodies are remembered by all.

CLAIRE MACLEOD, PM-3.

## Our Heritage

WE, the children of America, are born with the glory and responsibility of freedom resting on our shoulders. To secure freedom is a difficult task. However we inherit a goodly amount of it. The pluck and perseverance which were passed on from father to son have helped to build up our vast country from the wilderness of yesterday into the rich nation of today. Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press were founded by our courageous forefathers who organized America's unsurpassed democratic government. Suffrage for every man and woman regardless of race, religion or creed was established. Today, the people of America, are faced with a heavy burden — that of freedom and peace for the entire world. The brave men who fought and died for us have proven that Americans have the courage and fortitude for that which they believe is just. As citizens and voters of tomorrow we must do our utmost to replace with other great men the vacant spaces left by the heroes of World War I and World War II.

In preparation for this task we, the youth of today, should take advantage of the excellent educational opportunities offered us. We must all co-operate to make our country economically stable. Above all, we must shoulder our burden and do our utmost to keep our heritage intact for future Americans.

CAROL M. WADE, AL-1.



## A Lesson Taught

MARY, grumbling as she walked slowly down the street, was thinking, "Why does Mother make me take that new girl to the beach when I could be seeing a good movie?"

During their afternoon together many of Jeanne's remarks were about the wonderful, new country she had just entered.

"You Americans are so lucky to have such a wonderful country, to be able to vote as you like, to say or print anything you like, and most of all, to be free!" she had remarked at different times.

As the girls passed a school, Jeanne heard Mary grumble about school, but Jeanne who liked school, replied, "It is wonderful to have such good schools and libraries. I do hope I'll be able to go to one of your colleges, too."

At the beach many of Mary's friends greeted them.

When they were alone, Jeanne said, "Your people are so friendly! They all look so happy. But then, why shouldn't they? They have plenty of food, good clothes, everything to make a person glad to be alive. You should have lived in the country from which we have recently come, to appreciate what you have. There, many times we were hungry and cold."

Later, as Mary looked around her cozy home, she came to realize that her new friend had shown her how lucky she was to be living in her own fine America.

JOAN DURKEE, A-2.

## A New England Winter

A New England winter is a glorious sight,  
Which fills my heart with sheer delight.  
For everywhere the glistening snow,  
Sparkles like gems in the sunlight glow  
And bends the boughs of every tree,  
With a thick, white blanket which fascinates me.  
The frost forms patterns which fill me with  
rapture  
These, only a master could hope to recapture.  
No outsider could ever dream,  
Of the beauty of this New England scene.

JEANNE POIRIER, AL-2.

## America's Heritage

A is for America, our land of the free,  
M represents Millions of people we see,  
E stands for Equality by which we are ruled,  
R is for Readiness with which we are schooled,  
I represents Intelligence of which we are proud,  
C stands for Columbus, America he found,  
A is for Ability found in our great men,  
S stands for Service, which we willingly lend

H is for Heritage found in this land,  
E stands for Everyone's helping hand,  
R represents Religion of each and every one,  
I is for Independence, which we fought for  
and won,  
T stands for Truth, by which we abide,  
A represents Allegiance, our everlasting guide,  
G is for God, whose righteousness we adore,  
E stands for the Enterprise, we'll hold forever  
more.

BARBARA BARBATI, AL-1.

## Winter Fairyland

My window is a picture frame,  
The view is never quite the same,  
In winter when the snow's piled high,  
A scene of magic meets the eye.  
The houses and fences are covered with snow,  
The silvery icicles are hanging low.  
All fashioned by Nature's skillful hand,  
Make it a winter fairyland.

PRUDENCE GOULDING, 8-7

## The Brook

Down from the hillside,  
Sparkling and bright,  
Rushes the little brook,  
In the sunlight.

On through the meadow,  
Where the flowers hide,  
With skies bright above it,  
See its waters glide.

So it hurries down the hillside,  
And across the meadow sweet,  
And through the shady woodland,  
'Til the river it shall meet.

FRANCES CUNNINGHAM, PM-4.

## The Winter of "48"

THE winter of "48" will be long remembered by all. To the young it has brought the fun and enjoyment of the winter sports for which the weather has been perfect. The thrills of skiing are had by all from the beginners to the more experienced who glide over the snow-crested countryside with the greatest of ease. The fun of skiing is felt not only by those who ski but by those who watch the skill and ability of each one who swiftly moves over the surrounding whiteness.

To the old this winter has brought a spectacle of unearthly beauty long to be remembered. One needs only to look about to enjoy this magnificent sight. The whiteness of the snow-covered trees forms silhouettes against the dull gray sky. All the earth seems to have acquired a new winter fashion.

The young and old alike who especially enjoy the scenic beauties and the thrilling sports of winter life have been richly rewarded with a winter unsurpassed.

REBECCA TANNEBRING, AL-1.

## Thanks to God

WHAT does it mean to be thankful? Just to say thanks now and then? No! It means to give thanks to God for all the things He has given us.

As I lay there in bed I thought of how thankful I was just to be alive, thankful I had a place to live, mother and father; thankful that the Lord has given me the power to see and feel and walk.

But most of all, I am thankful for my brother's safe return from the war, thankful that God permitted him to return home so that he might never again feel or see the dreaded hate between human beings, hopeful that we might live in peace once more, thankful for the great men who are striving to overcome the difficulties and make this world a better place in which man may live.

MARY LARAMIE, 8-1.

## Stars

Stars that twinkle way up high,  
Shine like diamonds in the sky  
They gaze upon this peaceful world,  
And see the beauties of earth unfurled.

A sparkling universe for all to see  
They twinkle there for you and me,  
Stars are bright, a lasting light  
That shine forever through the night.

GOD put them there for you and me.  
HE made the stars for us to see,  
When earth was formed, stars were made,  
They live forever and never fade.

JOYCE BREWER, AL-1.

## A Night at Camp

"GOODNIGHT," said my father as he pulled the cover over him. "Goodnight," replied my mother.

They had been asleep about two minutes when whirr! rattle! clank! The ice-chest went on the blink. My uncle and father ran for the stairs but never made it. They smashed into each other almost knocking themselves out. When they finally got down stairs the ice-chest was really making a noise. It took them a full hour to fix it.

When everybody had settled down again my mother let out a scream. My father asked her what the matter was and she told him there was a bat in the house. He thought she was crazy, but soon changed his tune when a bat almost took his head off on a power-dive into the wall. He jumped to battle with a trusty broom and took a neat swing that would have been the envy of Babe Ruth. He connected for a double and sent the bat up against the wall. After a long search he found the bat, took him down, and put him in the stove.

In the morning we all came tumbling down the stairs from that historic battleground to the stove to see how big the bat was. He was not to be found for he had flown up the chimney.

LOUIS LAPOINTE, 8-5.



## Young America's Opportunity

TO me the most precious American heritage is opportunity:

Opportunity to study under the finest educational system in the world.

Opportunity to choose the work I believe that I can do best and to train for a career of that work.

Opportunity to work for the things I want for my family, my country and myself.

Opportunity to worship in and contribute to the church of my choice with complete respect for the beliefs of others.

Opportunity to choose my friends on the basis of personal worth with disregard for race, religion, and political views.

Opportunity to strive for improvements in my own community.

Opportunity to enrich and protect this precious heritage for future young Americans.

HAROLD LEPAGE, A-1.

## Narcissa Whitman

By JEANNETTE EATON

ADVENTURE and romance all blend together to make one of the most exciting, true stories you are likely to read in a long time. Narcissa Prentiss, eager to become a missionary among the Indians, meets and marries Doctor Marcus Whitman, a man who has the same ambition as she. They started out for the unsettled country of Oregon hoping to bring the Nez Perce Indians into believing in Christianity, but they became involved in a quarrel with a member of their party and thought it best to part company, so they built a mission among the Cayuse, a rather hostile band of Indians. After enduring many hardships they begin to feel self satisfied, until one day something happens which causes them to change their minds. I won't divulge the secret because I want you to read this book of two courageous people who blazed a trail to Oregon and who will always be remembered in the hearts of all true Americans.

ANN RITCHIE, AL-1.

## The Freedom Train

Now it speeds through each small town,  
Bearing treasures of great renown,  
Free for all the world to see,  
Documents of a land that's free.

Papers by Washington, Lincoln, and others,  
Make us realize that we are all brothers.  
In this train made for you and me,  
Are the documents for all to see.

Papers all so yellow and worn,  
Are the pacts from which our country was born.  
So let us guard them faithfully  
That we may keep our democracy.

PATRICIA DURGIN, PM-3.

## Tense Moments

"OH dear my boat won't be ready for the big race tomorrow," I groaned in despair. But my anxiety didn't last long because it rained the next day and the race was postponed long enough for me to finish my sailboat.

The day after was sunny and bright with a gentle breeze, just right for the big event.

I had launched my boat and was testing the wind when the shrill toots of the whistle announced that the race was about to start. My boat was second in line and raring to go.

Then, Bang! The race was on! I felt sure that my boat would win although there was another craft close to mine which was keeping good speed.

"Tie!" the judges yelled. My boat had crossed the line nose to nose with another contestant. There was to be another race. This time I was not so lucky because at the first lap my boat hit a rock and sank like a brick. I had lost the race, I had lost my boat, worse still the crew went to "Davy Jones's Locker".

I went home heartbroken to think I had lost a toy sailboat and home tin soldiers.

GEORGE SOUTHWICK, 8-3.



## The Seasons

To me the seasons are like a dream  
With their shifting winds and color schemes.  
First comes spring with flowers in bloom  
And the welcome scent of sweet perfume.  
Then follows summer with warm sunny days  
When people swim along the bays.  
Fall follows next with leaves so bright,  
To children this season is a heart's delight.  
Last, but not least, comes winter fun  
With skis and skates for everyone.  
Now a year has passed on by,  
Its memories will never die.  
As years go by and return once more,  
Forgotten not are their joys galore.

JOANNE BOSSIE, A-1.

## The Condemned Boy's Story

I WAS lying in my bed, that fateful morning,  
thinking of IT, when she walked in.

"No, no!" I cried, pulling my blanket over  
my head.

"Yes, yes!" she purred, grabbing at me with  
lily-white hands.

I gave one last cry of anguish as I found  
myself on the floor.

"Get dressed!" she ordered.

"But, Ma—" I protested.

"No but Ma's about it. Get dressed!" And  
with that, she flounced out of the room.

As I dressed, the thought of IT kept popping  
into my mind like a jack-in-a-box.

When I finished dressing, I glanced sadly  
down the stairs. I might as well go down!  
Breakfast whizzed by. First it was — and then  
it wasn't. I washed my teeth, combed my hair,  
tied my tie, and I was already to go!

I was thinking of IT as I put on my hat and  
coat.

Soon, there I was, standing on the sidewalk,  
staring as IT loomed up in front of me!

I shut my eyes, gritted my teeth, and decided  
I must do my best.

My education was about to begin.

RUSSELL PERKINS, 8-2.

## An Educational Hobby

A STAMP Collection may not only be an in-  
teresting hobby, but may be educational  
too. For example, a group of men on a quiz  
show were asked the question "Where is Mona-  
co?" One of them immediately piped up with  
the answer that it was a small country in Cen-  
tral Europe with an area of about 10 square  
miles. When asked how he got his information  
his reply was, "Through my stamp collection."

What countries were conquered by the Axis  
powers during the war? Who is Pulitzer?  
When was gold discovered in California? When  
was Texas admitted to the Union? All these  
questions and many more are answered in  
United States Postage Stamps. Through stamps  
a person can spend his leisure time in an in-  
teresting and educational way.

WAYNE RAYMOND, AL-1.

## My Indoor Days

As I lie in bed day after day,  
It's not always cheerful and not always gay.  
But there are many things I like to do,  
Such as drawing, embroidery and mending too.  
I fill each day with tasks like these,  
And keep myself as busy as a bee.  
I miss going to school you may be sure,  
But doing lessons in bed is a pleasant chore.  
Then looking beyond my window pane,  
I see chickadees, sparrows, come again and again.  
My friends have faithfully visited me,  
Spreading happiness, laughter and glee.  
Without my radio, what would I do?  
Its stories and music drive away the blues.  
So staying in bed day after day,  
Can really be jolly and really be gay.

ANNA DEPIERO, PM-2.

EDITORS NOTE: We are sorry that Anna was compelled  
to leave school on November 12, and was confined  
to the hospital for several months. We sincerely  
hope that she will be well and with us next fall.



# Alumni

THE BRISCOE BRIEFS staff has chosen to honor in this edition several members of the class of 1925 - 1926, the first class to be graduated from Briscoe Junior High School.

After leaving Beverly High School, Earl Robbins followed his hobby, journalism, into a profitable occupation, as correspondent for the Salem Evening News. His present position is with the Beverly Evening Times. Mr. Robbins is married and the father of two children.

Myrtle Dockham, editor-in-chief of the first issue of BRISCOE BRIEFS is oddly enough a commercial fisherman, and she is out in her boat every day, weather permitting. After graduating from Beverly High School she became Mrs. Paul Richards and is now the proud mother of a grown-up son and a daughter.

Gertrude Cohen is now married to Mr. Samuel Kline and they reside in Portsmouth, New Hampshire with their three daughters, Sandra, Roberta, and Susan.

Robert Reid holds the position of assistant treasurer with Reid Brothers, of Beverly, Massachusetts. Previous to this Mr. Reid studied at Miami University, and Ohio State College.

Mary Bunk attended Sargent University of Physical Education and later married Mr. Graham T. Nelson. One of her three children now is a member of Grade Eight at Briscoe. Mrs. Nelson is Command Pilot of the newly formed troop of Beverly Wing Scouts.

Private Isadore Goldberg served with the United States Army for three years in the southwest Pacific where he made the supreme sacrifice for his country on May 13, 1942.

June Pickering maintains the Beverly Nurses Registry and a magazine subscription service. Miss Pickering resides at 70 Lovett Street, Beverly.

Mary Kelleher was graduated from Radcliffe College where she majored in Social Science. After teaching in West Newton, Massachusetts, she returned to Beverly and was married to Mr. Charles H. Cook. They have two sons and two daughters.

Inventing and constructing are not only the occupation of Kingston Woodman, but his hobby as well. After two years at Northeastern Mr. Woodman entered Wentworth Institute, where he majored in pattern making and mechanical design. He organized the Synchro-Lock Company, based on a synchronizing device for twin gasoline engines. This company was dissolved during the war, and Mr. Woodman is now employed at the United Shoe Machinery Corporation.

Austra Hermanson was graduated from the Massachusetts School of Art where she majored in commercial design. She worked with the Boston Advertising Agency and her paintings have been displayed in Beverly, and Ridgewood, New Jersey. Before her marriage to Mr. Carl Wickstrom she toured ten countries in North Africa and Europe. She now resides in Westwood, Massachusetts where she is president of the Westwood Art Association. Mrs. Wickstrom is the mother of two children.



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# Editorials

## America's Heritage

CITIZENS of Briscoe you, as Americans, have a priceless heritage. Everywhere, people the world over, are suffering, striving, and yearning for peace of mind, for the glorious freedoms, and for the happiness that comes to most Americans simply because they are Americans.

But, what we are so freely taking for granted is fast slipping away. Just as the waves of the ocean forever rolling back and forth at the land washes away the shore, so has our continued lack of vigilance caused us to lose much of our basic freedom upon which we are attempting to keep the world at peace. Whether we realize it or not, we are fast relinquishing our most cherished ideals, the very bulwark of all our freedoms.

If we, as Americans, are to avoid the chaos that is now spreading like wild fire across the nations of the old world, we must immediately begin to put our own house in order. We must strengthen ourselves for the good fight of preserving peace. If we are to have peace — very much longer — we must pay the price for peace! All of us, together, should support our nation and each other as citizens to achieve three goals: First, to help create and sustain respect for duly constituted authority. There are many examples in Europe to teach us, directly, the terrible consequences of destroying faith in established government. Our constitution provides for necessary changes and for representation. This is guaranteed to all citizens. When any government loses the faith and support of the people, not only can chaos and communism take over the functions of control, but government for a free people disappears, and the loss may be irretrievable. Secondly, we must work faithfully to develop a pride in workmanship. We must give a rebirth to the ideals of being self-supporting. We must make hard work honorable, decent, and worthy — a necessary part of culture in any enduring civilization. "Men shall earn their bread by the sweat of their brow." Our people have become softened by spineless acceptance of support and survival without diligent work. This is one of the greatest fallacies of our times. It is like a disease eating at the very core of our civilization. Thirdly, we must ex-

emplify the Christian ethic of "live and let live," at the same time making ourselves strong enough so we can be safe from attack, and strong enough to help others in time of critical need. To be weak among nations is like being without protection among ravening wolves. To be able to help others we must master ourselves first!

Boys and girls of Briscoe, let's work together to make America strong. Let us work together by doing things in our daily living that will keep our country the best place in the world to live. Strengthen our national honor, and "secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity."

LESLIE R. JONES,

*Principal.*

## School Spirit

SCHOOL spirit is necessary to develop one's character and prepare pupils to become good citizens. By participating in various school activities, one learns to work for the welfare of all, instead of only for his own personal benefit. Working and thinking for the general good, basically constitute the qualities of a worthwhile citizen. Such school sports as football and basketball teach teamwork and fair play.

In real life, too, there are sets of rules for us to abide by. We have to work well with others in order to be happy and successful. Always playing fair is another valuable quality which tends to make us better individuals.

Taking part in different school programs gives one a sense of civic service. In later life we shall be called upon to take part in such community projects as Red Cross and community drives. We should be prepared to accept these duties and carry responsibilities.

Better citizens of tomorrow are molded by genuine school spirit of today.

JOAN RESNICK,

*Assistant Editor.*

## Protecting America's Heritage

IN 1775, 173 years ago, a group of God-fearing men assembled in Lexington, Massachusetts to fight one of the most notable battles ever waged in the history of man. On that Lexington Green, overtaxed, suppressed colonists revolted against their mother country. Man killed man. Why? What did they gain? The answer came twelve years later at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dispirited colonists had fought and won the bitter Revolutionary War. They had gained their independence, but in order to maintain it a central government had to be established to unite the thirteen colonies into one unified nation. At the Constitutional Convention, when George Washington said, "The event is in the hands of God," how true he was! How else could such a set of laws be so conceived?

You would think that with a constitution so perfect, so flawless that man's confusions would come to a finale. Not so, however, for now that we had won this precious way of life, we had to protect and guard it against all enemies.

Six times, Americans have been called to arms to prove their devotion to their country and many of them have sacrificed their very lives.

It is true that our wealth of natural resources was bestowed upon us by the Creator, but our freedom, our personal liberties, our American heritage was certainly not a gift. It was fought for at Gettysburg, St. Mihiel, Guadalcanal and on many other bloodstained battlefields.

We and future generations must ever be alert and watchful for the evil forces that are attempting and will attempt to invade and destroy this democratic way of life. Like our ancestors we must stand steadfastly to protect America's heritage.

RICHARD WILKINSON,

*Editor-in-Chief.*

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## Aims of Briscoe

BRISCOE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL pupils have many opportunities of learning to work and play with others which aids in the development of good citizens.

The pupils' programs are planned carefully for this age group to provide interest and to give the material pupils need to go forward in their education. Besides the academic value, each pupil finds new and interesting ideas in clubs, movies, assemblies, and lunch periods. We are also taught to express the Briscoe ideals of Honor, Service, and Fair Play.

Many exciting social events occur during the school year. Lunch-rooms buzz with interesting plans for parties, football or basketball games, and other after-school events. Each pupil is included in these plans and enjoys its fellowship.

Every member of Briscoe is encouraged to take an active part in school activities and make himself a bigger and finer person with a broader outlook on life.

MARY OLIVE BYRNES,

*Assistant Editor.*

## Forest Beauty

As the gates of morning  
Swing farther and farther apart,  
The merry tunes of the forest birds  
Ring clearly in every heart.

The sun with her golden beams  
Appears in the clear blue sky,  
And the rosebuds by the river-bank  
Welcome it on high.

The church bells in the distance  
Chime their notes of cheer,  
Pealing their sweet music  
For everyone to hear.

MARY HIM, AL-3.



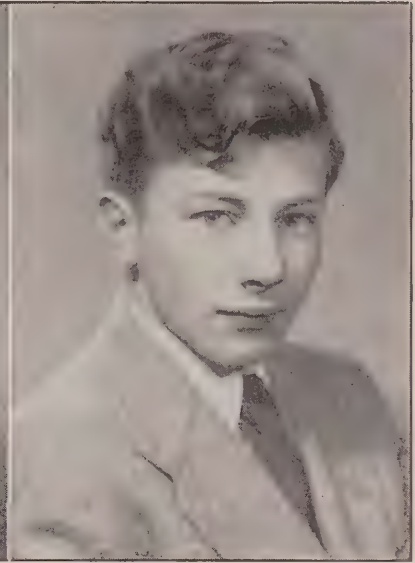
## *Class Officers*



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# Class of 1948

<i>Name</i>	<i>Nickname</i>	<i>Ideal</i>	<i>Highlights of Briscoe</i>
Geraldine Andreas	Gerry	Phil Spitalny	Clubs
Marcia Baker	Robie	Mrs. Parks	Two o'clock bell
Joanne Bossie	Bossy	My mother	Visual education
Donald Broughton	Don	My uncle	Seven period days
Adele Cantone	Delly	My mother	Visual education
Gordon Chapman	Bugs	Theodore Roosevelt	Dismissal
Leslie Cole	Junior	Adm. Perry	Outdoor club
Anthony Coppola	Tony	Joe Page	Science club
John Durrell	Curley	Ted Williams	Lunch
Donald Dutton	Dut	Red Cummings	Band
Donald Farnham	Farnny	Abraham Lincoln	Lunch
David Gardner	Punky	George Furbush	Lunch
Helen Grant	Grant	My mother	Lunch
Ronald Hyde	Lonzo	My uncle	Traffic officers
Richard Johnson	Fish	Mr. Remington	Its freedom
Donald Kenney	Don	Izaak Walton	Mechanical drawing
Harold LePage	Hal	President Lincoln	Social studies
Herbert LePage	Bert	Howard Hughes	Algebra
Paul MacNutt	Mac	Franklin Roosevelt	Clubs
Richard Marcheterre	Dick	Franklin Roosevelt	Lunch
Jean Moroni	Jeanne	Miss Edgett	Teachers
Marlene Morse	Tuts	Clara Barton	Cooking
Nancy Ober	Nan	My mother	Movies
Joan Pizzello	Joan Bug	My mother	Lunch time
Carroll Robbins	Fat	Washington	Visual education
Emma Sabbatini	Em	My mother	Lunch
Stephen Sanchez	Pedro	Kirsten Flagstad	Music class
Laurence Terry	Mickey	My brother	Outdoor club
Ernest Tucker	Ernie	My father	Lunch
Geraldine Vitale	Gig Gee	Rose Liberti	Lunch
Nancy Worrall	Nance	My mother	Clubs
Catherine Auld	Kay	Claudette Colbert	Art club
Richmond Bailey	Dick	Daniel Boone	Science forum
John Barter	Jocko	Frank Lahey	Science
Janet Bartley	Janet	Sister Kenny	Clubs
Richard Beauregard	Dick	Franklin D. Roosevelt	Athletic club
Roger Deschenes	Roger	Glenn Davis	Art
Norman Donovan	Peanut	John Carbone	Woodworking
Joan Durkee	Joanie	Abraham Lincoln	Clubs
David Foley	Terry	Robert Bromberg	Science
Walter Fowler	Prof.	Murray Blakeney	Mechanical drawing
Walter Gardner	China	Howard Hughes	The teachers





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Richard Gray	Dick	My father	Football team
Philip Kirrane	Phil	Frank Lahey	Movies
Francis Lindsey	Frank	John Payne	The teachers
John Makros	Jackie	Gregory Peck	Drama night
Bruce Miller	Bruce	General Patton	Outdoor club
Chester Nym.in	Chet	My mother	Shop work
Robert O'Brien	Bob	Franklin D. Roosevelt	Printing
Rose Pasquarelli	Rosie	Sister Kenny	Cheerleading
Frank Regan	Frankie	General Doolittle	Woodworking
Russell Tupper	Tup	Admiral Nimitz	Clubs
Richard Veilleux	Dick	Knute Rockne	Science
Jane Watson	Janie	Sister Kenny	Practical arts
Jean White	Pigtails	Gene Kelly	Working in the cafeteria
Leroy Williams	Roy	General Eisenhower	Athletic club
Faith Charland	Fay	My mother	Visual education
William Connolly	Bill	My father	Mechanical drawing
Robert Davison	Bob	My uncle	Its fine workmanship
Frank DeCarlo	"8" ball	Buddy Hayes	Lunch period
Arthur DePaolo	Blondie	My brother	Mechanical drawing
Betty Dodge	Bets	My mother	Algebra
James Donlon	Jim	Mother	The movies
James Dooling	Jimmy	My mother and father	Algebra
Ruth Duplessis	Ruthie	My mother	Clubs
Herbert French	Frenchie	My father	Clubs
Lewis Hovey	Lew	My father	Science
LeRoy Hutt	Red	Cyrus McCormick	The football team
Paul Jenness	Paul	Uncle	Lunch
Patricia Joyce	Pat	Vera Ellen	Assemblies
Robert Kimball	Kim	Mother	Practical arts
Miriam King	Mimi	Joan Davis	Woodcraft club
Donald Lally	Moon	Ted Williams	Clubs
Leo LeClerc	Frenchy	Charlie Trippi	Two o'clock dismissal
Robert MacLeod	Mac	Ted Williams	The eighth graders
William Nutting	Bill	Slick Goodlin	Visual education movies
Warren O'Neill	Warren	My father	Administration of the school
Ronald Parsons	Ronnie	Father	The school administration
Elaine Peters	Laney	Joe Kirkwood	Different teachers
Marjorie Reynolds	Midge	Ray Monez	Art
Bertram Russell	Bert	Mother and father	School plays
Vito Tanzella	Modesto	Al Jolson	Movies
Leon Thibault	Lee	Charles Steinmetz	Movies
Philip Williams	Chuck	Chuck Stobbs	Practical arts





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Barbara Burnham	Barbie	Miss Staats	Clubs
Mildred Cann	Millie	Lily Pons	Clubs
Robert Carpenter	Carp	Johnny Lujack	Lunch
Richard Carr	Dick	Charlie Trippi	Football team
Alfred Commerford	Sonny	Ted Williams	Variety of teachers
Roland Damiani	Rollie	Knute Rockne	Changing classes
Dudley Davis	Dud	Johnny Lujack	Science
Katherine Fitzgerald	Kate	My parents	Science
Judith Flynn	Judy	My mother	Lunch
Cynthia Foshay	Cinnie	My father	Clubs
Lore Frost	Frosty	Einstein	Science
Melvin Giles	Mel	Major Vincent Bong	Football practice
Alan Gillis	Gil	General MacArthur	Movies
Priscilla Grimes	Cilla	Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell	Clubs
Marcia Hadley	Marcia	My mother	Science
Robert Hall	Bobby	My father	Movies
Charles Hogan	Charlie	Johnny Lujack	Lunch period
James Hoar	Jim	George Goethals	Variety of teachers
Eleanora Kimball	Kim	Bing Crosby	Literature period
Shirley Landergren	Shirl	Jeannine Lundin	Assemblies
Barbara Maggiacomo	Maggi	Candy Jones	Clubs
Muriel McLean	Mac	My mother	Lunch
Sylvia Melanson	Opera	Kirsted Flagstad	Music period
Betty Mercer	Bet	My mother	Clubs
Wayne Raymond	Tiny	Abraham Lincoln	Lunch period
Ann Ritchie	Fanny	My mother	Meeting new friends
Joan Semons	Jo	My brother	Movie assemblies
Cynthia Silver	Cinnie	The Silver family	Free periods
Rebecca Tannebring	Becky	My mother	Drama night
Carol Wade	Wadie	Samuel McIntyre	Band
Shirley Williams	Shirl	Barbara Stanwyck	Movies
Dean Zeilon	Zean	Gil Dodds	Movies
Sally Abbott	Sal	Princess Elizabeth	I like everything
Richard Atwater	Dick	Wallace Berry	Club period
Jordan Baker	Jordie	Ted Williams	Movies
Patricia Barry	Patty	Esther Williams	Music
Thomas Barry	Tommy	Tex Houghson	Science class
Fred Bucci	Mario	Ted Williams	Its football team
Mary Byrnes	Mary Olive	Miss Neel	Algebra class
Joan Cameron	Joanie	My mother	Spirit of Briscoe
Elizabeth Clarke	Mousie	Irene	Office aide
Cynthia Cushing	Cynny	My mother	Two o'clock bell





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Norma DiGenova	Normie	My mother	Spirit in pupils
Annette Fortunato	Futch	Mrs. Parks	Athletic club
Marilyn Goldberg	Mickey	Greer Garson	Clubs
Sherman Goulding	Shermie	George Washington Carver	Science class
Robert Hayes	Bob	Ted Williams	Football
Richard Hazell	Dick	Luther Burbank	Science club
Kenneth Kulberg	Katy	Gil Dodds	The pupils
Norma Lefavour	Nony	Kathryn Grayson	Lunch and studies
Judith Lewis	Judy	Esther Williams	Two o'clock bell
John Maloney	Jock	Theodore Roosevelt	Science class
June McCormack	Junie	Cornel Wilde	Science
Marjorie Merrill	Marge	Jane Powell	Social studies
Janet Merry	Jan	Florence Nightingale	Lunch period
Betty Morse	Bet	Bidu Saijao	Music period
David Pierce	Piercey	Doc Blanchard	Science class
Jeanne Poirier	Jeanie	Clara Barton	Club
Joan Resnick	Joanie	Jane Addams	Visual education
Carol Robinson	Sharp	Johann Strauss	Lunch period
Shirley Stover	Smokey	Clara Barton	Algebra
Sheila Walsh	Flip	Sister Kenny	Science class
Bruce Wilkinson	Dude	James Craig	Science class
Richard Wilkinson	Dick	George Gershwin	Changing classes
Gloria Wright	Go-gie	Edith Cavel	Algebra class
Carolyn Buckley	Carolyn	My mother	Assemblies
Carole Dawson	Kippie	My mother	Study
Phineas Elbling	Shorty	Lou Gehrig	Assemblies
Ronda Gamble	Ronnie	My mother	Science
Carol Gardner	Shorty	My mother	Algebra
William Graffam	Bill	Carmen Cavallaro	Two o'clock
Kenneth Hamilton	Hambones	My brother	Shop
Eleanor Hawthorne	El	Mme. Chiang Kai-shek	Science
Adelaide Hendricks	Al	My mother	Study
Mary Him	Himo	My mother	Typing
Alberta Jones	Berta	Sister Kenny	Teachers
Robert King	Bob	Henry Smith	Lunch
Mary MacKinnon	Micky	Miss Hackett	Study
Priscilla Mahan	Pussy	Sister Kenny	Algebra
Jane McElhiney	Janie	My mother	Lunch
Diane Moore	Gingerbread	Florence Nightingale	Cafeteria
Joseph Mulligan	Joe	Orville Wright	Clubs
Betty Obear	Bet	Miss Hackett	Algebra
Arthur Ober	Art	General Patton	Social studies





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Anna Fleming	Minnie	My mother	2:00 bell
Ronald Folsom	Ron	Brother	Good food
Leo Foss	Dick	My father	Hot plate
Claudette Gauthier	Bunny	My grandmother	Science classes
Ralph Greenlaw	Buddy	My father	Lunch
Charles Hull	Chuck	Glen Davis	Clubs
John Jaworski	Burr-head	Ted Williams	Lunch
William King	Bill	Ted Williams	Study
Richard Mac Phail	Sandy	Doc Blanchard	Mechanical drawing
Joseph Maglio	Mag	My father	Football
James Mahoney	Jimmy	Babe Ruth	Study periods
Jean Montevecchi	Jean	My mother	Having plays
Lorraine O'Brien	O'Bie	My parents	2:00 bell
Myrna Post	Postie	My sister Lu	2:00 bell
Louise Richards	Weezy	My oldest brother	The Briscoe Spirit
Gail Robinson	Gail	My mother	Movies
Lucille St. Pierre	Lucy	Esther Williams	Movies
Charlotte Smith	Smitty	Aunt	Typewriting
Joseph Tetreault	Speed	Ted Williams	Lunch hour
Thomas Vaccaro	Spiral	Arthur Vaccaro	Science
Dana Walsh	Winely	My father	Science classes
James White	Jim	Johnnie Lujack	Lunch period
Dorothy Ballentine	Dot	My mother	Clubs
Ralph Beaulieu	Beaulieu	Franklin D. Roosevelt	Shop
William Burns	Willie	Knute Rockne	Clubs
Lucy Bussone	Cubby	Sister Lucy	Assemblies
Elsie Carnevale	Bubbles	Jane Powell	English class
Jeanette Clay	Jeannie	Sister Kenny	Good co-operation
Donald Cooper	Don	Charles Lindberg	Lunch
Sylvia DeSantis	Siv	June Haver	Graduation
Patricia Durgin	Pat	Sister Kenny	Dismissal bell
Edward Evans	Flash	Mr. Brown	Blondes
David Georgandis	Chicken	Ralph Edwards	Education received
Donald Hayes	Don	John Lujack	Football
William Hutchinson	Bill Hutch	Milt Schmidt	Science
June Knight	Junie	Clara Barton	Changing rooms
Ernest Lang	Ernie	Babe Ruth	Lunch period
Richard Linsdau	Dickie	Mr. Waite	Movies
Claire MacLeod	Chickie	Claudette Colbert	Clubs
Marion McRae	Cuddles	Maureen O'Hara	General business
Dorothy Moody	Doddy	My parents	Art class
Ralph O'Brien	O'Bie	Harry Truman	Visual education program





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Richard Peabody	Dick	Charles Trippi	Clubs
Olga Petrosino	Oggie	Sister Kenny	Passing bell
Richard Picone	Dick	Ralph M. Baker	Homework
Geraldine Santin	Gerry	Shirley Temple	Movies
George Sawyer	Pansie	Abraham Lincoln	Friends
Barbara Todd	Barb	June Haver	Study periods
Joseph Williams	Joe	Bing Crosby	Assemblies
Fred Young	Freddie	Gary Cooper	Clubs
Marilyn Andersen	Andy	My mother	Lunch
Francis Brady	Junior	Johnny Lujack	Football
George Bushey	Bush	Glen Davis	Lunch time
Alden Colby	Cobra Snake	Mr. Dutelle	The school band
Lorraine Crateau	Lulu	My girl friend	Movies
Frances Cunningham	Fran	My sister	Lunch period
John DeSantis	Johnny	Johnny Lujack	Visual education
Joan Desjardins	Joannie	My mother	Movies
Mildred Donahue	Milly	Miss Hackett	Homeroom periods
Richard Dunn	Rit	Johnny Lujack	Study periods
Helen Ellsworth	Freckles	Betty Hutton	Two o'clock Friday
Joseph Falloni	Joe	Mr. Waite	Study periods
Sally Flynn	Flynnie	Elizabeth Taylor	Assemblies
Roger Glidden	Al Capone	Lewis and Clark	Lunch
Donald Hiller	Hiller	Keith Storey	Visual education
Greta Kallstrom	Peanuts	Miss Trowt	Lunch
Claire Lansol	Sis	My mother	Lunch
Donald Larrabee	Larrabee	Bill Stern	Musical movies
William Leck	Billy	Glen Davis	Lunch
Virginia Lee	Ginnie	My stepmother	Sewing
Edward Mazzetta	Eddie	Roy Rogers	Shop
Mary Mazzetta	Pokey	St. Teresa	Lunch
Myrtle Merrill	Myrt	Jane Addams	Cooking
Margaret Nelson	Maggie	My cousin	Lunch period
Mary O'Brien	Obie	My mother	Lunch period
Gloria Scoglio	Glo	My mother	Lunch period
Sally Sherman	Sal	My mother	Junior business training
Ronald Surels	Ronnie	Claude Jarman Jr.	Movies
Norma Trask	Norma	Helen Keller	Junior business training
Nancy Wilson	Sec	My grandmother	Lunch period
Barbara Barbati	Bee	My mother	Extra activities
Merinda Bonjorno	Merindy	My sister Frances	Clubs
Robert Bradley	Bob	Colonel Lindberg	Lunch period
Joyce Brewer	Freckles	My mother	Two o'clock bell





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Fred Acciavatti	Fred	Bobby Doerr	Shop
Shirley Ambrose	Candy	Helen Ambrose	Girls' music class
Joseph Ambrefe	Jock	Don Galinger	Band
Delore Arsenault	Sonny	General Doolittle	Science
Barbara Ball	Babs	June Haver	Assemblies
Patricia Boyson	Patsy	My father	Study periods
Lorenzo Burnham	Renny	Johnny Lujack	Clubs
Robert Byrne	Brimmey	Joe Dobson	Lunch period
Kenneth Collins	Kennie	Gene Autry	Two o'clock bell
Arthur Crosby	Jack	Harry S. Truman	Science
Marilyn Davis	Lynn	My mother	Two o'clock bell
Lewis Foss	Bunkey	Johnnie Lujack	Mechanical drawing
Robert Gates	Gatesie	Bobby Locke	Movies
Philip Haefner	Phil	General MacArthur	Two o'clock dismissal
Kathleen Hilton	Kathy	Bing Crosby	Assemblies
Eleanor Hitchings	Ella	Sue Barton	Science
Carl Larcom	Brother	Richard Tilden	Movies
Henry LeClaire	Hen	Ted Williams	Movies
Richard Lessard	Dick	General Patton	Assemblies
Dorothy Linsdau	Dottie	My mother	Music
Marilyn Mackenzie	Mal	Jeanne Crain	Clubs
June MacLeod	Bunny	Dorothy Darling	English
Margaret Malone	Peggy	My mother .	Assemblies
fred Manzi	Al	Knute Rockne	Clubs
Mary Maloof	Malooie	Ollie Ahearn	Clubs
Geraldine Melanson	Gerry	My aunt	Music
Ruth Norbaka	Chicken	Esther Williams	Boys and girls
Joanne Rogers	Cuddles	My dad	Two o'clock bell
Jean Rosell	Pinky	Sonja Heine	Clubs
Marion Saunders	Mimi	My mother	Music class
Eleanor Sellenger	Ellis	My mother	Clubs
Claire Stewart	Jo	My mother	Music class
William Ventura	Penaly	Knute Rockne	Extra curricular activities
Barbara Vincent	Barb	My mother	Music class
Frank Albano	Neugie	My father	Shop
Peter Barter	Pete	Ray Canavin	Last period on Friday
Jean Bertucci	Jeanie	My mother	Lunch hour
John Bowles	Johnny	Babe Ruth	Shop
Harold Campbell	Bumpsie	My father	Passing bell
Gertrude Cassola	Trudy	My father	Movies
Shirley Daniels	Shirl	Ruth Kennedy	Lunch period
Alice Dossett	Fleckles	Grandmother	Getting our report cards



### The Truth about Fishing

EARLY in the morning you leave home for a day of fishing. After a few minor difficulties such as snagging your line on bushes and tearing your clothes on fences, you arrive at the river where there are supposed to be trout. You pick your favorite fly and tie it to the line. As you stand there with the water up to your hips, casting, something hits you like a ton of bricks from behind. The next thing you know your head is where your feet should be. As you get up you hear a snap. Then you really know that it was a log that hit you on its way down stream. It also caught and broke your new two-dollar line. After you climb ashore and take inventory, you find that you have two inches of line, no hat, no fish, two bootfuls of water, and a very wet lunch.

When you get home and clean up, you tell everyone what a wonderful time you had and how you can hardly wait to go again.

FRED YOUNG, PM-3.

### Beginner's Luck

THE question was — what to do on a Friday night aside from the usual act of going to the movies? Then out of a clear sky my friend came out with the bright idea of going bowling. Why she suggested it I wouldn't know. I had never bowled in my life, let alone the fact I knew nothing at all on the subject. The decision of the four girls was three to one so — we went bowling.

When we arrived, it seemed as if millions of people were watching the experienced bowlers. What would they think when I got up to bowl! I did get out of being first by telling them I'd have to watch to see what was done. Being third made me even more nervous if that could be possible. I stood up, walked over and picked up a ball and before I knew what was happening the ball went zig-zagging down the alley and knocked down nine pins. Believe it or not! Then I got two spares and couldn't believe myself that I had never bowled before. I won the string with the highest score of the four and now I really believe in Beginner's Luck.

ROSAMOND RICHARDS, 8-8.



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Barbara Peters	Shorty	My mother	New friends
Jane Povah	Janey	Donna Atwood	Assemblies
Carol Ruest	Carol	My mother	Changing classes
Norma Scotti	Bunny	My mother	Clubs
Edward Shotwell	Eddie	Eddie Shore	Two o'clock
Thomas Stasiak	Tommy	"Doc" Blanchard	Clubs
Nancy Stone	Stoney	Miss Trowt	Lunch
Barbara Todreas	Toddy	My mother	Assemblies
Judith Toomey	Judy	My mother	Clubs
Nathaniel Winer	Nate	George Washington	English
Harry Phillips	Harry	Dave Ferris	The office
Lois Santry	Lo	Florence Nightingale	Lunch bell
Kenneth Hitchings	Junior	—————	Shop

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Sylvia Ramsdell	Sil	My brother	Special assemblies
Philip Butnam	Phil	My father	Shop
Joan Creed	Creed	General Patton	Briscoe spirit
Mary Walton	Mary	Dale Evans	Teachers
Anna DePiero	Ann	George Hossfield	Briscoe spirit
Raymond Robb	Red	My grandfather	Clubs
Richard Stillson	Dick	Knute Rockne	Football

## Autumn

The prettiest time of all the year,  
Is when the autumn days appear.  
The trees with all their glory unfold,  
The green of their leaves turns crimson and gold.

MARILYN ANDERSON, PM-4.

## Night and Day

The snow lay silent round about,  
The moon was cold and clear,  
The trees, their icy aches did shout  
And filled my soul with fear.

The moon behind the near-by hill  
Sank slowly out of sight,  
And darkness with the winter chill  
Turned quickly into night.

And now the sun in the eastern sky  
Came bursting into view  
And with a quick and fleeting sigh  
The night bade the day adieu.

NANCY OBER, A-1

## Dark Ages

In the days of shining armor,  
Lived a knight of silver glamor.  
With his stallion strong and bold,  
With his sword so hard and cold.  
Fighting every storm and gale,  
Searching for the Holy Grail.

JOHN JAWORSKI, JR., PM-2.

## A Winter Scene

The fluffy snow was drifted high,  
Like banks of clouds against the sky.  
The sun in golden splendor rose,  
As though a king, and in stately pose  
Was looking down upon this scene  
Of winter beauty so serene.

The forest pines were hanging low,  
Draped with the fall of the glistening snow.  
Over the snow capped hills and peaks,  
Where snow had fallen for endless weeks,  
Falling o'er this perfect scene  
Of winter beauty so serene.

—ROBERTA MUNSEY, 8-1.

# School News

## Welcome

THIS year Briscoe has welcomed the following new members to its teaching staff:

Miss Adele H. Demand, the girls' physical education teacher at Briscoe this year is a native of New York City. She attended the public schools in the Bronx, and New York University. Her previous teaching assignments have been at Westchester County schools in New York and Lake City, Minnesota. Her hobby is knitting and she participates in all types of sports. Miss Demand is commuting each day from Boston.

Mr. Richard M. Rogers, general business teacher, is a native of Brattleboro, Vermont. Before joining the Briscoe faculty Mr. Rogers taught in Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Rhode Island. He was graduated from Northeastern University and is now a student at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. His hobbies are travel, teaching, and reading. He and his wife are now residing at 11 Crosby Avenue, Beverly.

A graduate of Rochester University in New York, The American Institute of Music Methods in Boston, Massachusetts, and Gorham State Teachers College in Maine is Miss Mary L. Stuart. Miss Stuart has been a member of the San Carlos Opera Company, the Providence Company and first clarinetist in Rochester, New York Symphony Orchestra. Her hobbies are cooking, dancing, and sports. Miss Stuart is teaching music at Briscoe this year.

A welcome member to the Briscoe faculty this September was Mrs. Calista K. White. She was born in Livonia, New York and was graduated from the University of Vermont. Mrs. White has taught at St. Lawrence University, and the University of Maine; and has taken post-graduate work at New York University and St. Lawrence University. Mrs. White is the girls' sewing supervisor.

## Advisory Council

THE annual induction of the Advisory Council took place at Briscoe Junior High School on October 10. The assembly opened in the usual manner with Bible reading, the Lord's Prayer, flag salute and singing of "The Star Spangled Banner". Two saxophone solos were played by John Maloney and Carroll Robbins.

Principal Leslie R. Jones then administered the oath of office to Kenneth Kulberg, the president of the Advisory Council and to Miss Anderson, the faculty advisor. Kenneth Kulberg then administered the oath to the homeroom representatives.

A few remarks by Mr. Jones to inspire pupils with a desire to follow Briscoe ideals of Honor, Service, and Fair Play closed the assembly.

## Christmas Assembly

A PAGEANT entitled "The Wondrous Story" was presented by eighth and ninth grade pupils on December 19, in the Briscoe Auditorium.

Bible passages from St. Luke's gospel were read and followed by the flag salute and the singing of our national anthem. The A Capella choir singing "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and entering the hall from the rear, marched down the center aisle.

The first scene depicted was of three shepherds beneath a star-studded sky, contemplating their visit to Bethlehem. The second scene showed the stable in which the Christ Child was born.

The characters in the pageant were: The Blessed Virgin, Annette Fortunato; the Three Shepherds, Nathaniel Winer, Louis Hovey, and Robert Bradley; the Three Kings, Charles Manuel, Robert McLeod, and Leo LeClerc; the angels, Marcia Hadley, Eleanor Kimball, Sylvia Melanson, Judith Patch, and Gloria Wright.

Mr. Jones' brief message for a joyous holiday, and the singing of Christmas carols by the entire student body closed the assembly.



## Minstrel Show and Amateur Night

ON February 4, the Briscoe students presented to a large audience, a Minstrel Show and Amateur Night program in the Briscoe auditorium.

The choir, seated before a gaily decorated stage and dressed in costume, sang the opening chorus.

Dean Zeilon presided as master of ceremonies. The endmen were: Tony Constantino, William Jacques, Archie Chamberlain, William Lewis, Donald Kenney, and Richard Woodbury.

The soloists were as follows: William Graf-fam, Richard Short, Francis Libert, Tony Constantino, and Donald Kenney.

The prima-donna was Marilyn Anderson, and the ballerinas were Marilyn Abbott, Marilyn Mackenzie, Donna Surles, Patricia Durgin, Patricia Joyce, Sandra Pettipas, Judith Roberts, and Yves Gasser.

A short skit, entitled "Fireman Save My Child" was presented by Joanne Bossie, and William Sallows. This skit preceded the closing chorus of the Minstrel Show.

The Amateur Show was then presented. The first prize was three Shaeffer Pen and Pencil Sets awarded to the trio Barbara Vincent, Marilyn Davis, and Marion Saunders who sang "Serenade of the Bells."

A subscription to any magazine costing up to three dollars was the second prize presented to Paul MacNutt who sang "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi."

Cynthia Tucker who performed the Tap and Baton routine was awarded third prize which was an Eversharp pencil.

A book, "The Scarlet Patch" was presented to Margaret Simmons who sang "You Do" as she was the fourth prize winner.

The fifth prize, a leather notebook, was given to Francis Cunningham who sang "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life."

Other participants were: Dorothy Hall, David Gardner, Marilyn Mackenzie, Richard Wilkinson, Jean White, Ruth Duplessis and Mildred Cann.

The program was under the direction of Miss Marv Stuart, Mr. William J. Foley and Mr. Richard M. Rogers.

## Safety Assembly

ON Thursday, January 15, Mr. J. W. Murphy, of the Registry of Motor Vehicles Department addressed the students and the faculty of Briscoe.

Mr. Murphy encouraged the pupils to teach their younger brothers and sisters simple safety rules which would prevent accidents. He discouraged riding "double" on bicycles and urged the pupils to walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic if one must walk in the street.

Movies entitled "1-2-3 Go" and "The Man on Horseback" were shown.

## Visual Education Program

A MOST helpful and effective visual education program has been presented at Briscoe this year.

The boys who are seen nearly every day setting up projectors and screens, represent not only another club, but also a school service organization. This group, known as the Visual Education Club, is constantly working under the direction of Mr. Battis. As the name implies, this group takes care of the projection of sound movies and stills. Film arrangements are made by Mr. Battis from requests by the various teachers, and his services are available to all departments of the school. The majority of pictures are, of course, educational, but films for entertainment are not neglected.

This club is not limited to picture projection alone, but it is responsible for radios, phonographs, and the public address system of the school.

Working with Mr. Battis are seven boys who have become trained technicians. These boys do much of the work before and after school, and must be on hand for all school productions and assemblies.

The visual education program has been valuable and has proved a worth while activity for the pupils.

## Music-Drama Night

ON Friday evening, April 2, eighth and ninth grade students presented Briscoe's annual Music-Drama Night. The program opened with a greeting by Principal Leslie R. Jones. The band contributed the following selections: "The Corinthian Overture" by Brockton, "Indian Melody" and "The One Step March" by Bennett.

The soloists, in the order of their appearance were as follows: Kenneth Kulberg, trombonist, played "Gayety Polka" by Hartley and was accompanied by his brother, Gordon. Frances Cunningham sang, "Alice Blue Gown" by Silver accompanied by the A Capella Choir. "Les Filles De Cadix" by Leo Delibes, and "Some Day I Know" by Edward Ward were sung by Sylvia Melanson, mezzo-soprano, with Norma Lee Hall as accompanist.

The A Capella Choir, the Mixed Chorus, and the Boys' Chorus rendered "April Showers" by Silver, "Serenade" and "Stouthearted Men" by Romberg, "Glow Worm" by Linckes, "Oklahoma" by Hammerstein and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Ringwold.

"The Sleuth," a one-act play, was presented by the eighth grade Dramatic Club. The cast included Tony Constantino, Gary Pierce, John Tosi, Nancy Root, Joan D'Amour, Doris Loomer, Nancy Thomas, Roberta Patch, George Larcom, and Irving Knight.

The announcer was Carolyn Johnson, the prompters Leah Foss and Ann Perkins, and the property manager was Robert Stone.

A saxophone quartet then rendered "Andante Springtime" by Mozas, "Hunters' Chorus" from "Der Freishutz" by Weder, and "Sharpshooters March" by Metalu.

Carrol Robbins, James Hoar, and Richard McKenney, clarinetists, then presented a composition by Beethoven.

The instrumental music was under the direction of Mr. Claude Phillips and Miss Elizabeth Mullin, and the vocal music was directed by Miss Mary Stuart. The accompanists were Richard Wilkinson, Margaret Nelson, and Roberta Munsey.

The faculty committee in charge were Miss Inez Rolfe, chairman, Misses Elizabeth Mullin, Mary Stuart, Edna Spofford, and Messrs. Robert Brown and Richard Rogers.

## Briscoe Band

UNDER the leadership of Mr. Claude Phillips, and Miss Elizabeth Mullin, the thirty-two members of the Briscoe Band have become a proficient group of performers, displaying their talents at various school functions.

Because of the lack of stringed instruments, the band has been the only instrumental organization at Briscoe this year. This means that the band must be versatile enough to perform on all occasions with appropriate music. The band has been handicapped by a lack of bass instruments so necessary to a well-balanced unit.

Members are as follows:

BARITONE — Kenneth Collins.

CLARINETS — Geraldine Andreas, Fred Bucci, William Durgin, Joan Heath, James Hoar, Dean Luxton, Richard McKenney, David Pierce, Alvin Pofcher, George Prescott, Carroll Robbins.

CORNETS AND TRUMPETS — James Clemeno, James Duffy, Stephen Edwards, Donald Farnham, Herbert LePage, Gary Pierce, William Tilton, Dean Zeilon.

DRUMS — Allen Dickinson, William Dutton, Richard Hazel, Bruce Wilkinson.

SAXOPHONES — Douglas Grant, John Maloney, Leslie Sigman, Carol Wade, Richard Woodbury, Kent Zeilon.

TROMBONES — Kenneth Kulberg, Richard Moffet.

## Junior Red Cross Drive

EIGHTY-ONE per cent of Briscoe pupils contributed \$31.17 in the Junior Red Cross Drive. The enrollment dues were \$8.50 which left \$22.67 to be used for relief at home and abroad.

## A Recognition

THE Briscoe Briefs' staff is grateful to the girls of AL-1 and AL-2 for typewriting the material for the printer. We appreciate their help in assisting us to produce our annual magazine.



# Sports

## A Decade of Football

BRISCOE has always been interested in football, and during the past ten years it has had many outstanding teams. Particular stress has been laid on providing opportunities for the boys interested to participate in the sport. While our finances have been limited, we have been able to find ways and means to support the program strictly on its own merit.

The following is a report of Briscoe football activities and scores during the years 1938-1948:

### 1938 Coach: William Foley

Briscoe	Opponent
13	Marblehead 0
18	Danvers 0
0	Peabody (High School Seconds) 12
14	Western (Somerville) 6
33	Ipswich 6
20	Gloucester 0
25	Southern (Somerville) 6
0	Dummer Academy 6
Won, 6 Lost, 2	

### 1939 Coach: Robert Brown

Briscoe	Opponent
0	Gloucester 0
6	Manchester 13
19	Northeastern 0
13	Marblehead 13
7	Southern (Somerville) 0
6	Dummer Academy 6
0	Marshfield (High School) 30
Won, 2 Lost, 2 Tied, 3	

### 1940 Coach: Robert Brown

Briscoe	Opponent
19	Gloucester (Freshmen) 0
7	Northeastern (Somerville) 0
13	Southern (Somerville) 0
0	Marblehead (Freshmen) 0
15	Needham 14
Won, 4 Lost, 0 Tied, 1	

### 1941 Coach: Robert Brown

Briscoe	Opponent
7	Southern (Somerville) 6
0	Northern (Somerville) 6
7	Gloucester (Freshmen) 6
6	Marblehead 14

### 1942 Coach: Charles Pelonzi

During the next four years due to war conditions, Briscoe played few out-of-town games

Briscoe 14	Marblehead 0
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The other games were intramural.

Bull Dogs 6	All Stars 0
All Stars 27	Bull Dogs 19
All Stars 7	Bull Dogs 6

### 1943 Coach: Charles Pelonzi

Briscoe	Opponent
13	Marblehead 27
19	Beverly High (Sophomores) 26
6	Beverly High (Sophomores) 19
Intramural games	
All Stars 12	Avengers 6
All Stars 19	Avengers 0

### 1944 Coach: Chester Battis

Briscoe	Opponent
0	Marblehead 26
6	Gloucester 27
Intramural games	
Yanks	Angels
13	7
25	6
12	6

### 1945 Coach: Chester Battis

Briscoe	Opponent
0	Marblehead 7
Intramural games	
Mustangs	Wildcats
18	25
7	14

### 1946 Coach: Robert Brown

Briscoe	Opponent
12	Beverly High (Sophomores) 13
13	Danvers 0
14	Marblehead 7
12	Gloucester 13
18	Swampscott 0
26	Somerville 7
Won, 4 Lost, 2	

1947 Coach: Robert Brown

Briscoe		Opponent	
6	Beverly High (Sophomores)	7	
6	Marblehead	0	
39	Western (Somerville)	0	
25	Swampscott	0	
19	Danvers	0	
25	Haverhill	0	
32	Gloucester	0	
	Won, 6	Lost, 1	
Summary of Out-of-Town Games 1938-1948			
	Won, 23	Lost, 16	Tied, 3

## Girls' Physical Education

THIS year, under the direction of Miss Demand, physical education has been enjoyed by the Briscoe girls. We were taught exercises to develop grace and strength and to improve our posture. The classes studied basketball and played diligently in preparation for the interdivision games which were held early in the spring. These were the highlights of the year and all agreed, especially the winners, that "gym" was certainly helpful and interesting during 1947 and 1948.

## The Baton Squad

FOR the first time in the history of Briscoe a baton squad has been organized. Twenty-four eighth grade girls have enrolled under the direction of Mr. Oliver Aherne to form this squad. The school bought thirty practice batons and twenty-four new ones which were supplied to the girls free of charge. It was agreed that the lessons would be given Friday morning during the club period and that the rehearsals would be Mondays and Fridays after school. Barbara Entwistle, the leader of the squad, will be in charge of these rehearsals. The uniforms will be simple and will represent Briscoe. This squad will add color and spirit on the football field.

SANDRA PETTIPAS, 8-6.

## Season Football Tickets

ABOUT 60% of the Briscoe students purchased season tickets for the football games. Many adults interested in our boys also attended. Approximately two hundred were at each game which was considered a very good response.

## Briscoe Football of "48"

BRISCOE is justly proud of this year's football team. Although Briscoe dropped their "opener" to the Beverly High School sophomores, Marblehead, Western Junior High School, Swampscott, Danvers, Haverhill, Gloucester, all went down in succession, before the fighting eleven of Briscoe.

Coach Brown's patient and untiring efforts, guided the Briscoe team through a most successful season.

Members of the squad were:

ENDS — Dick Stillson, Dick Wilkinson, Charlie Hull, Bob Matson, Red Hutt, Melvin Giles.

TACKLES — Wayne Raymond, Lore Frost, Jack Bradley, Don Farnham, Bruce Wilkinson.

GUARDS — Fred Bucci, Nate Winer, Joe Maglio, Don Lally, Bert Russell, Frank Albano, Paul Jenness, Hilton Perry, Tony Pietrini.

CENTERS — Joe Ambrefe, Dick Ventura.

QUARTERBACKS — Dick Carr, Andy Beaulieu.

HALFBACKS — Bob Hayes, Don Hayes, Ken Kulberg, Charlie Manuel, Dick Beauregard, Frank DeCarlo, Jim White, Jim Walsh.

FULLBACKS — George Bushey, Tom Stasiak, Ron Pasek.





ROBERT • HAYES



LORE • FROST



DONALD • HAYES



WAYNE • RAYMOND



COACH • BROWN



FRED • BUCCI



RICHARD • CARR



RICHARD • STILLSON



RICHARD • HAZELL



GEORGE • BUSHEY



JOSEPH • AMBREFE



NATHANIEL • WINER

# Features

## Howdy, Partners,

I GUESS you remember me from last year, that plump ornery little girl who wasn't the least of her teacher's worries. Most of you know I can't write worth a red cent, so you'll just have to ignore my mistakes and grin and bear it. "Saddle up" a chair and be a living-room cowboy while you hear about this wild and wooly West.

The name "Arizona" comes from the Aztec meaning "silver bearing". You can still see silver mines scattered throughout the deserts. These deserts are responsible for the justly famous Arizona climate. People come here from just about everywhere to supply themselves with the warm sunshine of Arizona.

Mountains thrive in the climate. Our tallest is 12,611 feet and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches to be exact. You can be cool in the mountains with snow, ice, and just about everything Beverly has, or you can be hot on the desert, and I mean *Hot*. The average temperature is about 70° and at times the thermometer gets a little more feverish.

Indians are numerous down here, some even in full dress costume. You can walk down town and see them in front of Woolworth's making jewelry and blankets. Only they don't go around waving a scalping knife anymore, your hair is safe!

Yodeling cowboys armed with six-shooters exist on the radio, but there are quite a few real ones to be seen. Anybody east of the Hudson River, who has been here for only a year or so is considered a "dude".

Boy! you should see this scenic country. It's beautiful! Phoenix is one of the greenest cities in the United States, and oh, those roses in December! It is also the sunniest spot in the United States with around 87% of all available sunshine and has almost every kind of recreation.

Schools rank high and there are churches of every denomination. My school ranks fifth largest in the nation with nearly 5,000 pupils and 10 buildings.

Some friends from Beverly wrote that they could just see Helen sitting on cacti eating a fried rattlesnake dinner!

I'd like to hear from all of you. My address is 2743 West Madison Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

*As ever, your friend,*

HELEN SACHAROFF.

P.S. No matter what I say about Arizona, I still prefer Beverly! H. S.

## An Experience I Will Never Forget

WHILE crossing the burning hot desert in Arizona on our way to California, we had a blow out. This was a surprise to me because the tires were new. We seemed to be the only people on the road, maybe due to the rationing of gasoline. We happened to stop where there evidently had been a volcanic eruption as there was hard crusted lava all around. I wanted a specimen of lava to put in my collection of stones, so I went to a pile of rocks and started to pick up a piece of lava when all of a sudden a Gila Monster ran out from underneath the stone. What a scare! I was shaking so much that my father had to change the tire without my help. It was the first time we had ever seen a Gila Monster. One nip from such a venomous lizard, and one is a "goner." As soon as we picked up our tools, we left. To this day when I think of this incident, I tremble.

GORDON CHAPMAN, JR., A-1.



## The Freedom Train

LAST year thousands of people throughout the United States had an opportunity to see the Freedom Train which carried 128 historic papers and documents, and which visited more than 300 cities and towns.

Among the most famous documents were the Magna Charter, Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States and The Emancipation Proclamation. All these documents and many more on this train are irreplaceable milestones in the march of liberty.

The cars of the Freedom Train were ordinary day coaches made over which were covered with 20 tons of shatter proof steel plating. Inside, the corridors ran in zigzag pattern so that something was always just around the corner. Each document was in a steel case covered with bullet proof glass. The documents themselves were protected by an inch thick plastic envelope, which absorbed the light and protected the paper.

The purpose of the Freedom Train was to remind Americans that our rights and privileges were gained by our forefathers who sacrificed their lives that we may live in a nation of free people. The Freedom Train has spread its message to the people of America, and we know that it has accomplished its mission.

PRISCILLA DAVIS,  
*Feature Editor.*

## SPRING

Spring is sixteen days away,  
Which does not seem so long, they say;  
But when you stand and look around,  
And see the snow piled on the ground,  
I say to them, I say to you,  
Dear friends, it surely is true  
That spring is sixteen days away.  
Have patience I say, and be of good cheer,  
For spring will soon be here.

JUDITH PROCTOR, 8-10.

## My Dad

When I do something I ought not to,  
Pop thunders at Mom, "My dear, your  
daughter!"

To quote him further, "Please note your child,  
She absolutely is running wild."

And so I was puzzled that day of days,  
When he chuckled, "My girl got all A's."  
'Cause I can't help but wish that he  
Would share me consistently,  
But after all, whether good or bad,  
He's never anyone but just "My Dad."

RUTH NORBAKA, PM-1.

## The Statue of Liberty

ON a recent trip to New York I saw the Statue of Liberty and now I realize a little better the meaning of this statue. Unveiled on October 28, 1886, it stands on Bedloe's Island one and one-half miles from the Battery Point. Two great nations, the United States of America and France, united their efforts to build this beautiful statue to commemorate the winning of our independence from England. Frederic Auguste Bartholdi designed the statue and as he entered New York Harbor from France to begin his plans, he conceived the idea of a colossal statue standing at the gateway to the New World. The gracious lady that stands high on her pedestal overlooking New York Harbor represents liberty. At her feet lies a shackle which she has broken as she steps forward into a life of freedom and opportunity in the New World. This broken shackle represents the bonds of tyranny that only liberty can break. The Declaration of Independence is held in her left hand and she seems to be offering it and what it stands for to all those who wish to accept it. She holds in her right hand a burning torch to enlighten the world. This statue is more than the largest statue in the world. It is more than copper, granite, and cement. It is a symbol of freedom, love and happiness that is to be found by all who seek it here in our great country. "Liberty Enlightening the World," is the official title of this statue and such a name fits it well.

ANNE PERKINS, 8-9

# *Eighth Grade Notes*

## 8-1

DIVISION 8-1 read many interesting works by famous poets and authors in English this year. One of the most interesting was "Tales from the Wayside Inn" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. It was a series of stories in the form of one poem. The first in the series was "Paul Revere's Ride," warning the colonists of the coming of the British. Another poem, "Torquemador" takes place during the reign of Queen Isabella. It was about two girls who were convicted of heresy by their father. "The Birds of Killingworth" is also an interesting poem about the people in a little village who killed all the birds on their farms only to find out later they did wrong.

## 8-2

Here we are again, that noisy, happy-go-lucky group, Division 8-2. In "math" this year we studied different methods of figuring interest. The class liked this work and we thought we did very well. The only part which we found a bit confusing was to remember to move the decimal point to the left. Our teacher drilled and drilled. We doubt if we shall ever forget these important lessons.

## 8-3

Division 8-3 completed an interesting study of American democracy with our teacher, Miss Sybil Barker. We began by finding definitions of the word "democracy". We found that democracy means different things to different people, therefore from the various definitions we decided American democracy to be a way of life. Our next step was to study and learn about early practices in democracy by Jesus, the Indians, and the English in the American colonies. Next we discussed the principles of the requirements for American democracy. Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracies were also interesting and fun to study. To complete our course each wrote an original essay on "What American Democracy Means to Me." The understanding of our teacher and interest by the pupils made this not only the most valuable but also the most enjoyable of our social studies work.

## 8-4

Division 8-4 has learned much useful information with our mathematics teacher, Miss Spofford. We have learned how to read gas and electric light meters and how to figure out and check a bill. We have also studied banking. We know how to open a checking account, make out deposit slips, endorse checks, and fill out check stubs. Our teacher has been pleased with our response.

## 8-5

Division 8-5 studied the United Nations in our social studies class and everyone found it very interesting. First we studied the steps which led to the framing of the present United Nations' Charter. It divides the United Nations into six different sections. We learned the make up and work of each, and we also found what the veto power is and why it was put into the Charter. The purpose of the United Nations is to make a peaceful world. Our division believes that we, as citizens of the United States, can help fulfill the work that the United Nations has planned for our future.

## 8-6

One day in English we decided to have a spelling match to determine the two best spellers who were to compete with other eighth grade pupils in a spelling contest. The boys lined up on one side of the room and the girls on the opposite side. Our teacher explained that she would pronounce the word and give us one chance to spell the word correctly. If one failed he had to sit down. At first hardly anyone failed. The harder the words became more people missed. Finally on the boys' side Edward McDonald was left standing and on the girls' side Patricia Fisher remained. The big day finally came when Edward and Patricia worked hard to uphold the honors for Division 8-6.



In Division 8-7 we learned many things for the first time, which will help us later in high school and in college. In introductory language we had our first glimpse of ancient and modern languages. Typing and general business introduced us to the world of commerce. In practical arts there was sewing and cooking for the girls and shop for the boys, which will help us in later life to build happy homes. In social studies we learned about our government and how it functions. All these studies will help us to be better citizens when we grow up.

In art, Division 8-8 made attractive notebooks which contained a page of lettering, the color wheel, an original central balance design, and a page of free brush work. The colorful covers were decorated with an original border design and the words "Art Notebook" were artistically arranged. We were proud of our notebooks.

8-9 with one other division had the honor and enjoyment of making Boney Bill, the skeleton for the Dramatic Club play. Whether it was cutting paper, molding clay, or fitting the joints in place, each pupil was kept busy. The skull was first molded in clay, and then covered with vaseline. Water-soaked strips of paper saturated with paste, were then skillfully molded to the skull, where they were left to dry until more layers and still more layers could be added. Newspapers soaked in water and paste furnished the mushy material used in molding the bones. The hands and feet as well as the ribs were cut from cardboard. Next came the job of painting the various parts of Boney Bill's body with white paint. The skull, with two black eyes and a weird looking set of teeth, gave the finishing touches to our masterpiece. As he dangled from the stage on the night of the play, the audience roared with laughter, and made each 8-9er feel proud to have had a part in his creation.

In shop, Division 8-10 made napkin holders. We started by drawing plans. Then we cut out the base and the uprights with the circular saw. After that we drew a decorative figure on the uprights. With the drill press and the jig saw the figure was cut out. Following this the parts were sanded and shellac was applied. When thoroughly dried, the parts were rubbed down with steel wool and shellacked again. Finally our napkin holder was glued and taken home.

## Coal

COAL is a resource which nature has given to the world. At first man did not realize its value. It has since become the chief source of power in the world. There are three chief kinds of coal: lignite, which is of a low grade; bituminous, which is a common used soft coal; and anthracite, which is a hard and very rich coal. Coal is found in layers in the earth and is taken out of the earth by the use of dynamite. It is then put into cars and brought up in an elevator to the surface where it is sorted out. It is then washed and put into coal cars ready for use in the world. Coal is a fuel which plays a very important role in the progress of the world.

MARGHERITA SERRA, 8-4.

## The Awakening

The daffodils sleep soundly in their snowy beds,  
The North Wind hums a lullaby softly o'er their heads.

But soon they will awaken to Robin's cheery song,

For their winter nap is over and Spring has come along.

The violets will be opening their little eyes of blue,

And all the other lovely flowers will come slowly to view.

The tulips will be stirring to don their garments bright,

When Mother Nature rouses from her long wintry night.

MARILYN MATSON, 8-5.

# Humor

## My Saturday Afternoon Adventures

FEELING MOODY I thought it would be a good idea to go strolling through the PARKS in my city. It was a beautiful, clear, sunny, spring afternoon and the clouds were WHITE as new-fallen snow.

While walking through the woods in the park, I saw a group of men fishing for TROWT and one of the men I recognized to be my neighbor, Mr. Jones, who had a peculiar habit of saying, "Well, DU-TELLE."

Ambling on through the park, I stopped to rest under the shade of our famous historical LINDEN tree, which has a beautiful FOLEYage of yellowish WHITE blossoms and heart-shaped leaves.

With fresh energy, I continued on my journey past the lumber camp with echoes of men's voices yelling, "HACK-ETT down and EDG-ETT off." The crashing of trees echoed through the forest.

Passing through a smaller park in the heart of the city, I saw a carnival set up and at the entrance two BARKERS were announcing the big features of the show.

Taking a short cut through a vacant lot, I heard a loud commotion. There were boys fighting about their ball game, I suppose, for I overheard them arguing, "We CANN," "You cannot." "BATT-IS head off!" Leaving them to their troubles, I continued on my way.

While having to WAITE for a passing truck, something in a store window caught my eye. Walking over to it, I found that it was a new kind of thermometer called the PELONZIonian. It looked complicated! I wondered if there would ever be a great public DEMAND for them.

Passing by the LARCOM theatre, I noticed that my favorite crooner, Bing CROSBY, was starring there.

Nearing home, I saw two amusing incidents. A COLE MAN was having trouble depositing his load through a basement window and finally decided to empty it on the sidewalk. And then a lady AND 'ER SON leading BROWN cocker spaniels were crossing the street. The dogs broke their leashes and ran among the cars barking and tying up traffic.

Tired and hungry, I reached home, ate my supper, and then settled down comfortably to read the comics of "Moon and MULLINS" and "Buck ROGERS".

Well, dear readers, this, I believe, is the end of my adventurous afternoon which will long be remembered.

JEAN A. WHITE,  
*Humor Editor.*

## Too Tired

Too tired to work,  
Too tired to walk;  
Too tired to read,  
Too tired to talk;  
Too tired to eat,  
Too tired to drink;  
Too tired to write,  
Too tired to think;  
Too tired to ride,  
Too tired to row;  
Too tired to stay,  
Too tired to go;  
Too tired to want,  
Too tired to wish;  
But never yet  
Too tired to fish!

JOSEPH TETRAULT, PM-2.



## Enroute to the Moon

March 4, 1968.

*Dear Diary,*

Today marks the second day since we left Earth on this, the first attempt to reach the moon. At present we are traveling at the rate of 79,332 miles per day and expect to be circling the moon at this time tomorrow if everything goes as scheduled. So far the atomic propulsion units are operating properly although one of the cadmium control rods showed signs of sticking this morning.

One hour ago we reached a point about 198,334 miles from Earth where the gravity of the earth and the moon are equalized. Several amusing things happened since there was no pull of gravity on our ship. I was getting a drink and had just poured the water into the glass. When the ship lurched to avoid a meteor, I was thrown off balance and subsequently spilled the water. Instead of its falling to the floor as water should, it formed a sphere and floated around the cabin. Another amusing incident, occurred when our space ship passed fairly close to a planetoid. Our geologist, John Wilkinson, who was taking a nap, jumped up to view the spectacle. However, he had forgotten to put on his magnetic shoes, and since there was no gravity to hold him to the floor, he flew headlong into the ceiling. Although he was lightly stunned he quickly recovered.

Well, it is now 8:30 p.m. Earth time by our chronometer and my turn at watch, so I must end my report for today.

ALEXIS USHAKOFF, JR. 8-7.

## The Farmer

The farmer loves the spring,  
The green of the meadows,  
The bird on the wing;  
Planting his seeds, and watching them grow,  
The farmer sings as he works with his hoe.

LEROY HUTT, A-3.

## The Whistle

Once a whistle whistled a tune,  
A tune of a whistle did it whistle,  
The whistle knew no other whistle  
Than the whistle it whistled.  
It tried to whistle another whistle  
But whistled in vain.  
The next day the whistle whistled  
A whistle that it never whistled before,  
So on it whistled, whistling  
A whistle that it knew it could not whistle  
At girls that whistled by.

LEROY WILLIAMS, A-2.

## A Luscious Dinner

One day I caught me five big fish,  
Five luscious fish were they,  
Along came Gail, our kitty cat,  
And snatched my fish away!  
I chased Gail through the fields and streets,  
And caught her by the tail!  
I was too late. The fish were gone.  
I ate our dear old Gail!

ARTHUR ARQUHART, 8-8.

## Song Titles

IT'S DREAMTIME — For girls in science  
MY HOW THE TIME GOES BY — Weekend  
TIME AFTER TIME — The route to the office  
YOU BELONG TO MY HEART — My  
eraser  
NOW IS THE HOUR — When report cards  
come out  
'TIL THE END OF TIME — Detention  
THERE GOES THAT SONG AGAIN I  
forgot my homework  
JUST IMAGINE — All "A's" and "H's"  
STRANGE MUSIC — Briscoe Junior High  
School Band

# Exchange

THE BRISCOE BRIEF's staff especially enjoyed the originality of "The Ghost of Tunnel Thirteen," which appeared in the June 1947 issue of the *Lincolnian*, Lincoln Junior High School, Portland, Maine. Many original poems were also enjoyed.

The Book Reports in the *Broadcaster*, Henry W. Hall School, Falmouth, Massachusetts, were very interesting. We liked the original cover design.

The Christmas story, "That Glorious Eve," in *Paul Pry*, Paul Junior High School, Washington, D. C., was heart warming and true to life.

The imaginative poem, "Christmas 2000 A. D." which appeared in the December, 1947 issue of the *Stevens*, Stevens Junior High School, Williamsport, Pennsylvania was read with enjoyment by the Briscoe Brief's staff.

The short stories which appeared in the *Scholarship*, Macomb's Junior High School, Bronx, New York expressed original humor. The section entitled "In Several Tongues" also appealed to the Brief's staff.

We of the Brief's staff liked the short stories in the *Patriot*, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The *Contact*, Wilbur Wright Junior High School, Cleveland, Ohio contains many new and clever ideas. *Wilbur Wright Willie* and *Right Around Wright* were greatly enjoyed. We also admired the attractive cover.

The *Central Light*, Central Junior High School, New Britain, Connecticut is rich in illustrative material and originality.

The articles in the *Sentinel*, Mt. Hebron School, Montclair, New Jersey were extremely interesting. Our staff also enjoyed the illustrative material throughout the magazine as well as your clever cover.

The information contained in the *Curtin Junior Citizen*, Curtin Junior High School, Williamsport, Pennsylvania provides the reader with informational facts regarding the Keystone state.

The movie issue of *Raub News*, Raub Junior High School, Allentown, Pennsylvania appealed to the Brief's staff of movie goers.

In the *Observer* from West Springfield Junior High School, Springfield, Massachusetts we especially enjoyed working out the Valentine crossword puzzle.

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NANCY ROOT, 8-1.



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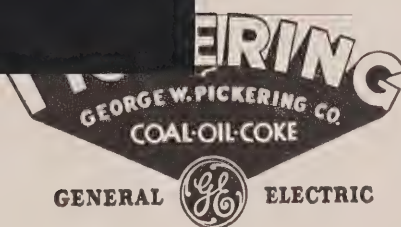
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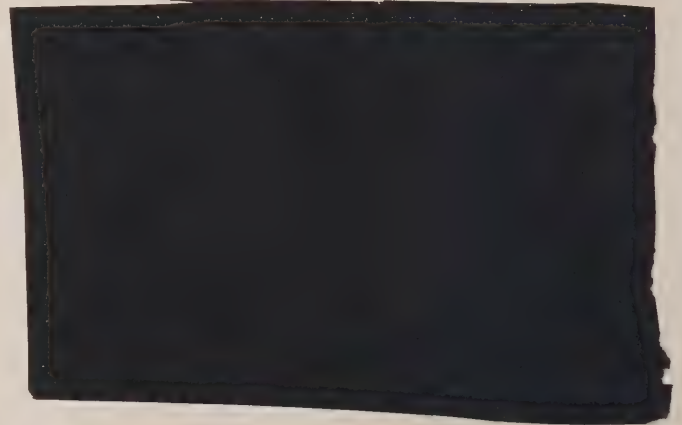
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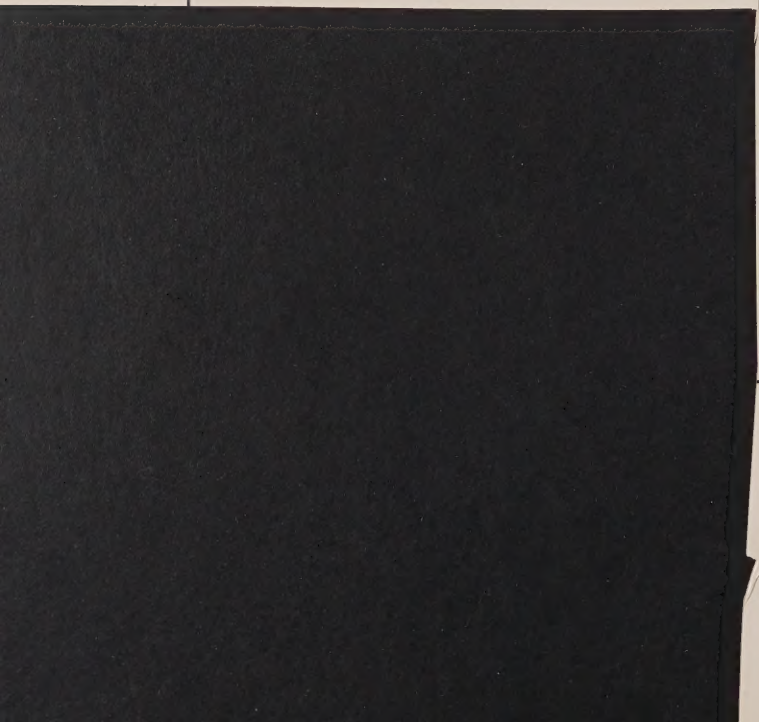
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